



## Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) Final Meeting Minutes: July 14, 2005

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### **Administrative Business**

Chair Harvey Klein called the meeting to order at 9:39 AM. A motion was made to accept the June meeting minutes and the minutes were approved.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

**Laboratory Certification Program:** Rachel Werner (NJDEP-OQA) stated that all ACPL's have been sent out with the exception of NELAC laboratories. You can contact Mike Dibalsi if you have any questions about your ACPL. Dr. Mike Miller (NJDEP-OQA) stated that SW846 methods have been updated, but not promulgated. You should be using the most updated method. He stated that the flame methods are disappearing from SW846 but that the department will retain them as long as certified labs are using them. New labs will be discouraged from choosing the flame methods.

**PT program:** Rachel Werner (NJDEP-OQA) stated that the sludge and TCLP studies will be alternating. For the SHW study, TCLP is not required. A letter about the study will be sent out August 9<sup>th</sup>. The first study under the contract will be the SHW study in October. Invoices will be going out to everyone in the study.

Results for the current WP study are due September 23, 2005. If your lab fails any analytes you can take part in the December makeup study. OQA also accepts quick turn-around PTs. For the current study, make sure your vendor will submit VHS data or ask them to submit VHS data directly to your lab. Then you can forward the information to OQA.

Ms. Werner mentioned that the June WP 2006 study next year may include the TRIAD certified parameters. ERA has offered to provide a two-liter whole volume sample for those labs that use a large field probe for field analytic methods.

**NELAC / INELA Update:** Greg Tomkovich speaking for Dave Speis (Accutest) reported that the NELAC / INELA conference will be held in Raleigh, N.C on August 7-12<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Information can be found at [www.inela.org](http://www.inela.org).

**NJQL's:** Harvey Klein (GSL) reported on the pilot study under the BSDW section of the minutes.

**Bioassay:** No report

**Sludge (Biosolids):** Anthony Pilawski (NJDEP) told the committee that the SQAR regulations were up for readoption. The scheduled publication date in the NJ Register is now

October 17th, 2005. Mr. Pilawski stated that the permittees are responsible for responding to trends in their data and that they have five working days to respond to the trend.

**Communications and OQA Website:** Rachel Werner stated that the recent letters concerning PTs are on the website along with the new NJ-PT parameter lists.

## **Old Business**

**Bureau of Safe Drinking Water / PWTa:** Linda Bonnette (NJDEP-BSDW) reporting for Karen Fell (NJDEP-BSDW) stated there was no new information yet for the MCL for perchlorate. There is a tentative date of October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005 for the BSDW roundtable. Ms. Bonnette asks that you report on any conflicting dates of seminars, etc.

Harvey Klein (GSL) reported on the review of the beta programs for E2 (DEP electronic data submission). This includes NJQL and the drinking water electronic submission package. Mr. Klein explained that the water system would need to sign off to allow labs to submit their data electronically. If there is direct reporting the water systems would be reviewing the information at the same time as EPA and NJDEP. He discussed that a correction needs to be made on the forms to show the date the sample analysis is started. Currently there is no space for this entry.

The data for NJQL and E2 can be entered as either a web-based data entry or an export of data in the correct format. For smaller labs the process is simple. For larger labs setting up the correct format to export all the required NJQL data is time-consuming. The pilot review deadline was July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Greg Tomkovich (Accutest) stated his lab requested an extension of the review period. There should be at least a three-month period to initiate the reporting.

**Site Remediation:** No report

## **New Business**

**Lab Certification Fee Proposal:** Dr. Mike Miller (NJDEP-OQA) stated the DAG has retired and this puts the lab certification fee proposal on hold.

**Hach Training:** Dr. Miller stated that Hach had applied to obtain equivalency status for TCH's with their training programs. The office decided that the program did not currently meet their requirements for the quality control portion.

There were not any other new issues. The meeting adjourned at 10:59 A.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for 09:30 AM on August 11, 2005 – 4th Floor Conference Room.

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